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A woman walks on the Mall near the U.S. Capitol as the second snow storm in four days, begins to fall in Washington, Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2010.

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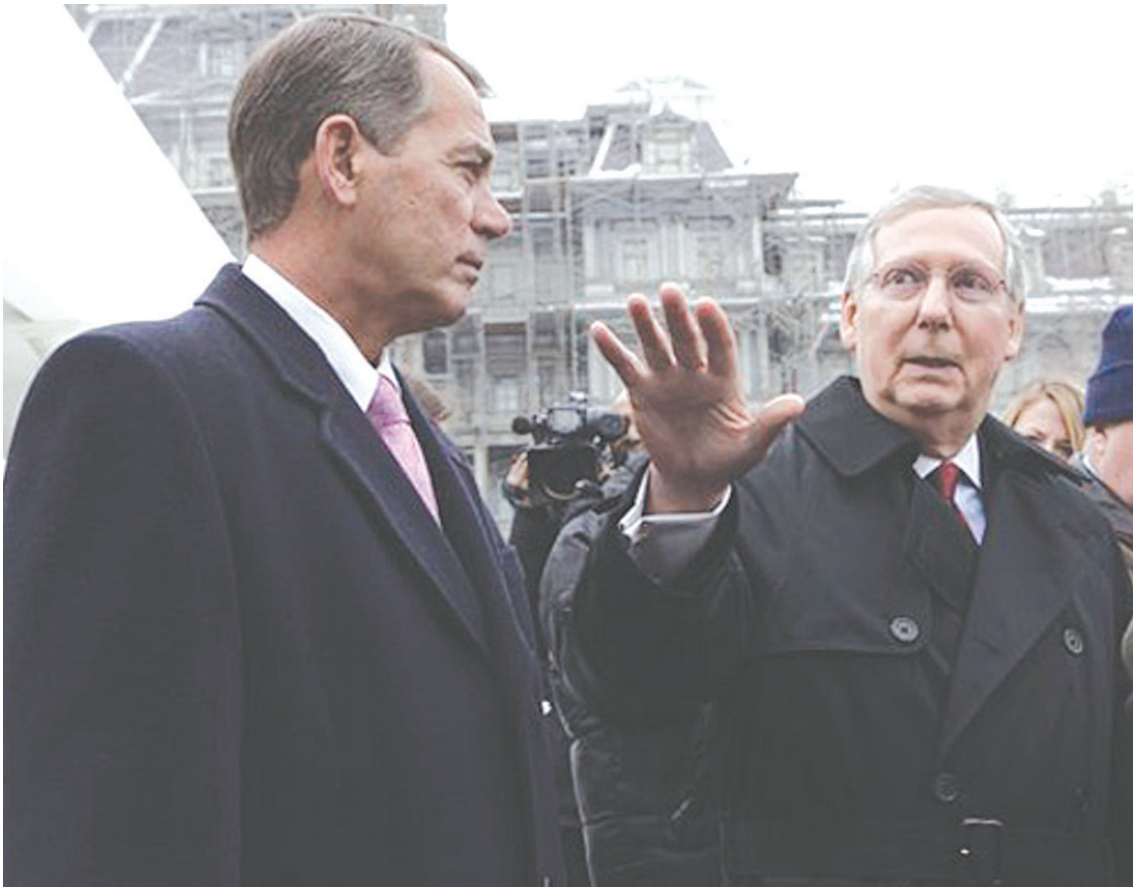


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House Minority Leader John Boehner of Ohio, left, and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell of Ky., speaks to members of the media outside the West Wing of the White House in Washington, Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2010, after a meeting between President Barack Obama and bipartisan leaders of the House and Senate to discuss the economy and jobs.

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## Snow shuts down federal government

JESSICA GRESKO  
Associated Press Writer  
WASHINGTON (AP) — If snow keeps 230,000 federal government employees home for the better part of a week, will anyone notice?

With at least another foot of snow headed for Washington, Philadelphia and New York, we're about to find out. The federal government in the nation's capital has largely been shut down since Friday afternoon, when a storm began dumping up to 3 feet of snow in some parts of the region. Offices could remain closed at least through Wednesday.

The storm could leave as much as 20 inches of new snow in Washington and 18 inches near Philadelphia — a Northeast travel hub — by Wednesday night.

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## Toyota seeks damage control, in public and private

ALAN FRAM  
Associated Press Writer  
WASHINGTON (AP) — In public, Toyota is running apologetic TV ads and vowing to win back customers' trust. Behind the scenes, the besieged carmaker is trying to learn all it can about congressional investigations, maybe even steer them if it can.

It's part of an all-out drive by the world's biggest auto manufacturer to redeem its once unassailable brand — hit anew on Tuesday as Toyota's global recall ballooned to 8.5 million cars and trucks. The day's safety recall of 440,000 of its flagship Prius and other hybrids, plus a Tokyo news conference where the company's president read a statement in English pledging to "regain the confidence of our customers," underscored a determination to keep buyers' faith from sinking to unrecoverable depths.

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Toyota Motor Corp. President Akio Toyoda, speaks to reporters after meeting with Japan's Transport Minister Seiji Maehara at he ministry in Tokyo, Japan, Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2010.

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# First lady begins fight against childhood obesity



First lady Michelle Obama announces a campaign to combat the rapidly growing problem of childhood obesity, Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2010, in the State Dining Room of the White House in Washington.

**DARLENE SUPERVILLE**  
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 WASHINGTON (AP) — Michelle Obama on Tuesday unveiled “Let’s Move” — her public awareness campaign against childhood obesity in the U.S., a problem she says concerns her both as first lady and as a mother. One in three American children is overweight or obese, putting them at

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 higher risk of developing diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol and other illnesses. Billions of dollars are spent every year treating obesity-related conditions. And public health experts say today’s kids are on track to have shorter lifespans than their parents. “None of us wants this future for our kids,” Mrs. Obama said at the White House. “We have to act, so let’s

move.” Her campaign has four parts: helping parents make better food choices, serving healthier food in school vending machines and lunch lines, making healthy food more available and affordable, and encouraging children to exercise more. The ambitious campaign, which Mrs. Obama hopes will be seen as her legacy, is aimed at solving the childhood obesity problem in a generation, so that children born today can reach adulthood at a healthy weight. “This isn’t like a disease where we’re still waiting for the cure to be discovered. We know the cure for this,” Mrs. Obama said at the unveiling. Major elements of Mrs. Obama’s campaign include:  
 —The Food and Drug Administration working with food manufacturers and retailers to make food labels more “customer-friendly.” The nonalcoholic beverage industry said Tuesday it will start putting calorie information on the front of its products.  
 —The American Academy of Pediatrics is encouraging doctors to monitor children’s body mass index or BMI, which is a calculation of height and weight used to measure body fat.  
 —Serving healthier food in schools.

Congress is due to rewrite the Child Nutrition Act this year, and the administration is asking lawmakers to spend \$10 billion over the next decade to give schools more money to make needed changes. More than 31 million children get meals through the federal school lunch program, and many kids eat up to half their daily calorie total at school.  
 —Offering \$400 million in tax breaks to encourage grocery stores to move into “food deserts,” areas with limited supplies of nutritious food, and spending \$5 million more to establish and promote farmers’ markets. Both steps would require congressional action.  
 —Encouraging children to exercise more; an hour a day is recommended.  
 —Setting up a Web site, [www.letsmove.gov](http://www.letsmove.gov), with shopping tips, a recipe finder and other resources. Judith Palfrey, president of the American Academy of Pediatrics, said the problem needs a national solution. “So having the president and first lady take the lead on this, particularly the first lady, the first mom, is giving us the reinforcement that we’ve needed,” Palfrey told The Associated Press. □



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**FEDERAL GOVT.**

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Powerful winds and snow were expected to hit the East Coast by the afternoon.

So far, the effects have been negligible. Many essential government services are performed at offices around the country, and about 85 percent of federal employees work outside the Washington region anyway. Others were working from home despite the snow. An IRS spokeswoman said tax returns should not be affected. "Anything that is critical is going to get done," said Linda Springer, a former director of the Office of Personnel Management, which oversees the federal work force of nearly 2 million workers.

David Fiore, who works for the federal government's Export-Import Bank of the U.S., stocked up on groceries Tuesday in Washington and said he planned to do some work from home, including a 2 p.m. conference call.

"They're open in Turkey. I'm getting e-mails from Morocco," he said. "The work goes on."

Philadelphia and Washington needed just 9 more inches of snow each to log the snowiest winters since at least 1884, the

first year records were kept.

Even before the storm arrived in the nation's capital, the House announced it was scrapping the rest of its workweek. Several hearings and meetings were postponed, including one planned for Wednesday on Toyota's massive recalls.

Agencies from the Federal Communications Commission to the Federal Trade Commission canceled hearings and planned announcements because of the looming snow. Shuttering the agencies for a day costs the government an estimated \$100 million in lost productivity and related costs. The White House decided to move up by a day a Black History Month concert featuring Bob Dylan, Smokey Robinson and Natalie Cole. It had been slated for Wednesday, but was instead moved to Tuesday night.

President Barack Obama held a bipartisan meeting with congressional leaders ahead of the storm Tuesday and joked that it went so well that Democratic Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and Republican Sen. Mitch McConnell had gone out to play in the snow.

"In fact, I understand that

McConnell and Reid are out doing snow angels on the South Lawn together," Obama joked as he made an unannounced stop in the White House briefing room.

The snow started in the Midwest before moving into the Mid-Atlantic region, where utility workers struggled to restore power already knocked out by a weekend blizzard.

Schools were closed and commuters found slick, slushy roads from Minneapolis and Chicago to Louisville, Kentucky. Hundreds of flights were canceled in Chicago as the storm moved across Illinois, where up to 10 inches were forecast.

Powerful winds and snow were expected to hit Mid-Atlantic states by the afternoon.

New York City announced schools would have a rare snow day Wednesday, only the third in six years. Southwest Airlines and US Airways planned to halt flights out of Philadelphia at 8 p.m. eastern Tuesday, and Washington's airports expected flights to stop around 5 p.m. eastern.

Continental Airlines canceled all 400 of its Wednesday flights at Newark Liberty Airport, as well as several hundred more regional flights on affiliate



A woman walks through the snow on the National Mall in Washington, with the Capitol behind her, Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2010.

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airlines.

In Chicago, Southwest Airlines canceled all of its flights at Midway Airport through Wednesday morning. James Allen, 25, of Northampton, England, arrived Sunday on the first flight to land at Baltimore's airport after its runway reopened from the last storm.

He was visiting friend Julia Tracey, 25, a nurse at Johns Hopkins Hospital. The two were at a downtown grocery store Tuesday searching in vain for fresh herbs for a recipe.

Allen had planned to stay in Baltimore for a few days, but "it's probably going to turn into a few weeks now." □



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# Despite all the nice talk, partisanship still reigns

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**Associated Press Writer**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** —

Partisanship is reaching new heights in Washington, even as President Barack Obama makes almost daily pleas to get along.

He's scheduled a bipartisan health care summit, and just Tuesday he hosted GOP leaders at the White House for the first time in two months.

But he often undercuts his overtures with his own jabs at Republicans. And there's little indication the GOP is taking his comments as anything but political.

Both sides' stances might be summed up this way: We're ready to cooperate right now. All you need to do is go along with what we want.

On Capitol Hill, the minority Republicans routinely require a super-majority (60 votes out of 100) to move Senate bills. And only one GOP lawmaker, a House member, voted for the landmark health care bills approved separately by the House and Senate in December. The Democrats, meanwhile, wrote the House



**House Minority Leader John Boehner of Ohio, second from left, listens to President Barack Obama, right, during a meeting of House and Senate bipartisan leaders to discuss the economy and jobs, Tuesday, Feb. 2010, in the Cabinet Room of the White House, Washington. From left are, Majority Leader Steny Hoyer of Md., Boehner, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi of Calif. and the president.**

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and Senate health care bills with virtually no input from Republicans. How has this come about? The contributing factors have been accelerating and converging for years: Gerrymandered House districts. Political realignments that drive Democrats from the

South and Republicans from the Northeast.

And perhaps most of all: greater mobilization by both parties' ideological wings, who punish those who dare cooperate with the other side. House and Senate members once saw the opposition party as the adversary, but now they consider it the outright enemy, said Norman J. Ornstein, a congressional scholar at the American Enterprise Institute. Americans "are dividing into tribes more than we did before," he said. Voters have driven virtually all liberals out of the Republican Party and all conservatives from the Democratic Party, eliminating

a political dynamic that helped enact major legislation such as civil rights and Medicare in earlier decades.

Obama made a multi-pronged appeal for bipartisanship Tuesday. He hosted Republican congressional leaders at a meeting on jobs, then held an unannounced news conference to ask for greater Democratic-GOP accord on at least a half dozen issues.

But any doubts that bare-knuckled partisanship still grips Washington were diminished when Republican leaders stepped outside the White House and denounced Obama's health care plan, even suggesting they might not

attend his Feb. 25 summit.

Tuesday was a perfect example of high-minded appeals for cross-party cooperation being quickly undermined by barbs. Obama and Republican leaders couldn't even agree on a definition of bipartisanship. "Bipartisan cannot mean simply that Democrats give up everything that they believe in, find the handful of things that Republicans have been advocating for, and we do those things, and then we have bipartisanship," Obama told reporters. "There's got to be some give and take."

Two hours earlier, House Minority Leader John Boehner had stood outside the White House and openly questioned whether Obama's bipartisan health care summit will have any value. He and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell said Obama first must scrap the Democrats' bills; Obama says no.

That followed Monday's letter from Boehner and House Republican Whip Eric Cantor in which they told the president: "Bipartisanship" is not writing proposals of your own behind closed doors, then unveiling them and demanding Republican support."

Other examples, just on Tuesday, of how difficult bipartisanship will be:

— Obama said he would work with Republicans on energy in areas such as nuclear power, clean coal technology and oil drilling. But when he noted that McConnell supports the ideas, he added a dig: "Well, of course he likes that. That's part of the Republican agenda."

— Obama offered his strongest rebuke yet of Republicans for holding up his federal appointments, saying the Senate had turned "advice and consent" into "delay and obstruct."

He threatened to start installing appointees when Congress is in recess.

— Obama insisted that he wanted substantive talks, not theater, at the health care summit. The Republican National Committee promptly accused him of using the meeting as "political theater to attack Republicans." □

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# Evacuations under way for LA-area foothills

JACOB ADELMAN

Associated Press Writer

LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE, Calif. – Homeowners in mud-ravaged foothill towns north of Los Angeles packed their cars and left Tuesday as evacuation orders took hold and a new winter storm arrived.

Officials issued evacuation orders for 541 homes on the hillsides of La Canada Flintridge, La Crescenta, Acton and two canyons. Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies went door to door, urging people to leave; those who refused signed waivers acknowledging they were aware of the risk.

Sheriff's deputies also asked residents to move their vehicles and trash cans away from the streets, where heavy rain on Saturday caused water and rocks to roar through, smashing cars and concrete barriers together.

Officials also issued evacuation orders late Tuesday for parts of the foothill city of Sierra Madre.

As heavy rain began to fall, the National Weather Service upgraded its previous flash flood watch to a flash flood warning.

The warning continued until 5 p.m. for steep slopes of the Angeles National Forest northeast of Los Angeles that were scorched by wildfires last summer and in 2008.

The weather service said as much as a third of an inch of rain per hour was falling and thunderstorms and small hail had been spotted in and around La Canada Flintridge in the afternoon.

Many people heeded the evacuation warning, lugging clothing and backpacks to cars that rolled down roads already crusted with the remains of a weekend mudslide that damaged 43 homes.

About 60 to 70 percent had complied with the evacuation order, sheriff's spokesman Steve Whitmore said.

"People, when they see what happened last Saturday, they're ready to move," he

said.

"They know what's at stake," said sheriff's Sgt. Bob Furman, who was taking a lap along the mud-crusted streets to clear out stragglers. "They've been through this before."

Lyn Slotky, 62, packed a red suitcase holding a change of clothes and her nervous

Labrador into her Honda hatchback.

"I'm just waiting for it to start to drizzle a little bit. Then I'm out of here," she said.

She wanted to be gone before new rain washed away huge banks of mud that have lined the streets from last weekend's downpour. □



Public employees walk past a home damaged by last weekend's mudslides in La Canada Flintridge, Calif. on Tuesday Feb. 9, 2010. Homeowners in mud-ravaged foothill towns north of Los Angeles packed their cars and left Tuesday as evacuation orders took hold and a new winter storm arrived.

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A Toyota emblem is seen on the front of a 2010 Toyota Prius hybrid in the repair shop of a Toyota dealership, in Norwood, Mass., Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2010. The car was brought to the shop for a computer diagnostic and repair of the brake system.

# TOYOTA

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In Washington, facing congressional inquiries and government investigations, Toyota through its lawyers and lobbyists is working full-speed to salvage its reputation. The

confidential strategy — Toyota will say little publicly about its efforts — includes efforts to sway upcoming hearings on Capitol Hill and is based on experiences by companies that have survived similar consumer and political crises

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— and those that haven't. Rep. Bart Stupak said Toyota representatives visited his offices seeking to learn all they could. "They're probing us. 'What are you going to ask us, where are you going with this whole thing?'" said Stupak, who is chairman of a House subcommittee looking into Toyota's problems. Toyota, which reported spending more than \$4 million on lobbying last year, declined to discuss details of its plans. The company has "beefed up our team" by hiring additional lobbyists, lawyers and public relations experts to "work with regulators and lawmakers collaboratively towards a successful recall effort, ensuring proper, diligent compliance," spokeswoman Cindy Knight said in an e-mail to The Associated Press.

Rough headlines for Toyota continued Tuesday. In other developments: —State Farm, the largest U.S. auto insurer, said it had informed federal regulators late in 2007 about growing reports of unexpected acceleration in Toyotas. That disclosure raised new questions about whether the government missed clues about problems. Reps. Henry Waxman and Stupak wrote insurance executives on Tuesday seeking information on any warnings they may have provided the government about unintended acceleration in Toyotas. —Congressional investigators cited growing evidence that not all the causes of Toyota's acceleration problems have been identified. A staff memo from the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, which had planned an oversight hearing for Wednesday, said there was substantial evidence that remedies such as redesigned floor mats have failed to solve problems. The hearing was postponed until Feb. 24 due to snow in Washington. —Federal safety officials said they were examining

complaints from Toyota Corolla owners about steering problems. Toyota faces at least two congressional hearings besides Stupak's, including the one delayed by snow. Sen. Jay Rockefeller, chairman of the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee and a longtime supporter of Toyota, said his panel will hold a hearing on March 2 after the two by the House. Their focus: floor mats that get caught under accelerators, sticky gas pedals and brake problems, and what the company and federal regulators knew about them. Professionals who have waged major damage-control struggles say the best strategy for Toyota mixes apology, openness, details about a specific fix — plus a little help from friends on Capitol Hill. In recent days, American TV viewers have seen ads in which a soft-spoken announcer talks about Toyota's dedication to safety and its customers. "We're working around the clock to ensure we build vehicles of the highest quality, to restore your faith in our company," one spot says. □

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# Nigeria: Vice president now acting president

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Associated Press Writers

ABUJA, Nigeria (AP) — Nigeria's parliament empowered Vice President Goodluck Jonathan to run Africa's most populous nation Tuesday in place of an ill and absent president, striving for a political end to a crisis that ground the government to a virtual halt and triggered the resumption of an insurgency in the vital oil sector. But the move is not contemplated in the constitution, legal experts say, and could cause more friction between the Christian south, which gains the presidency at least temporarily, and Muslim north, which finds itself out of the seat of power.

Jonathan told the nation in a televised address Tuesday night that he had assumed power as acting president and commander in chief of the country of 150 million people. He urged all Nigerians to continue to pray for elected President Umaru Yar'Adua, who left Nigeria for Saudi Arabia on Nov. 23. Yar'Adua's physician has said the 58-year-old, who long has suffered from kidney ailments, is being treated for acute pericarditis, an inflammation of the sac

surrounding the heart.

"The events of the recent past have put to the test our collective resolve as a democratic nation," Jonathan said. He later added: "We have all shown that our unity as a people, our love for this country, and our hope for its great future cannot be shaken."

Much of the Nigerian government has been at a standstill. Yar'Adua did not write a letter to the vice president alerting him of the medical absence and empowering him to act as president, as called for in the 1999 constitution. Yar'Adua's absence has caused a cease-fire he negotiated with insurgents in the country's oil-rich Niger Delta to unravel and oil contracts have gone unsigned. The political turmoil in a powerful country with a long history of coups and military dictatorships recently prompted U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and European leaders to call on the nation to follow its constitution.

Newspapers began worrying about possible coup scenarios as Yar'Adua's absence grew longer. However, military leaders insist they have no ambitions to take power and

will respect the constitution.

Jonathan thanked the security services during his Tuesday night address "for their loyalty and devotion to duty during this trying period."

Both the House of Representatives and the Senate on Tuesday passed measures calling on Jonathan to act as president and commander in chief until Yar'Adua returns from Saudi Arabia. There's no indication Yar'Adua will return any time soon, and details about his illness remain unknown to the public.

Despite the lack of a letter from Yar'Adua designating Jonathan in charge, Senate President David Marks said a telephone interview the president gave to the BBC about his poor health could act in place of a formal letter.

"The BBC interview is as good as the letter envisaged by the constitution," Mark said.

However, some legal experts say the constitution offers no remedy when a president declines to send the letter and it does not empower the National Assembly to act as it did.

"I'm not sure they are on strong ground legally," Oluwarotimi O. Akeredolu, president of the Nigerian Bar Association, told The Associated Press. "There's



In this May 29, 2007 file photo, Nigeria's President Umaru Yar'Adua, right, stands with Nigeria's former President Olusegun Obasanjo, left, and Nigeria's vice President Goodluck Jonathan, center, after they were sworn in at Abuja, Nigeria.

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nothing enabling them to do what they have done."

Akeredolu said the bar association hasn't decided whether to challenge the lawmakers' action. The move renders moot several lawsuits against the federal government asking it to declare Jonathan president in Yar'Adua's absence. Public discontent over the 58-year-old Yar'Adua's absence may also be mollified. As weeks stretched into months, local newspapers began publishing small graphics on their front pages noting the number of days the president has been away from Nigeria.

Jonathan served as a governor

in oil-rich Bayelsa state before being picked as Yar'Adua's running mate on the 2007 ticket for the People's Democratic Party, the ruling political party in Nigeria. Jonathan, a Christian who is fond of bowler hats, largely avoided the infighting in Yar'Adua's absence and remained silent as the nation's de facto leader. His only major act in Yar'Adua's absence came when he called out the military to restore order in central Nigeria after fighting between Christians and Muslims claimed more than 300 lives.

Parliament's action could cause further tensions between the two faiths. □





Afghans get into an army truck Tuesday Feb. 9, 2010, after being evacuated from the avalanche which struck the Salang Pass, some 100 kms north of Kabul, Afghanistan.

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**RAHIM FAIEZ**

**Associated Press Writer**

**KABUL (AP)** — A series of avalanches engulfed a mountain pass in Afghanistan, trapping hundreds of people in their buried cars and killing as many as 64 people so far, authorities said Tuesday. Rescuers brought in bulldozers, ambulances and helicopters in a massive effort to reach victims stuck in the frigid snow along the 12,700-foot-high (3,800-meter) Salang Pass, which links the

Afghan capital Kabul with the northern city of Mazar-i-Sharif.

Search-and-rescue teams recovered the bodies of 24 people but said they feared 40 others remain trapped and may have also died, Interior Minister Hanif Atmar said at a news conference in Kabul. About 2,500 people were rescued from their snowbound vehicles, including more than 400 injured.

“Twenty-four bodies have been recovered so far, but the

# Over 60 feared dead, 400 hurt in Afghan avalanches

fear is that there could be up to 40 more still buried and unfortunately, they might have died already,” he said. “That’s the best estimate we have at this moment.”

The avalanches struck Monday, burying vehicles along several miles (kilometers) of road under heavy snow. Atmar said that the highway tunnel had not been closed off earlier because there had been little warning.

“It happened all of a sudden and it took us by surprise,” he said.

Military helicopters were dropping food packages to people stuck on snow-blocked roads, Interior Ministry spokesman Zemerai Bashary said. Earlier, Afghan reports said some 300 cars and buses were trapped on the mountain pass.

Afghan and coalition forces

evacuated about 430 injured, with 180 taken by coalition helicopters to Bagram Airbase for medical treatment, said Defense Minister Gen. Abdul Rahim Wardak.

Atmar said authorities were unable to locate the parents of 24 children who had been evacuated and were being treated for injuries at local hospitals.

Some of the injured were taken to the Charikar Hospital in Parwan province. One injured eyewitness, Abdul Shakor, told Associated Press Television he saw more than 100 vehicles still trapped by snow.

“We cannot exactly say how many people have been killed. We opened (the door of) one Toyota car; there were five dead bodies inside and we brought them to the hospital with the help of police,” he

said.

Some 500 Afghan soldiers were mobilized to join about 400 police and others in rescue efforts. The international coalition contributed four Chinook helicopters, while the army sent two choppers, several ambulances and several bulldozers, the Afghan National Army said.

Suhrab Ali Safari, acting public works minister, told The Associated Press in a phone interview from Salang a that strong snowstorm overnight triggered a major avalanche that covered about 2 miles (3.5 kilometers) of road.

“Unfortunately, it has blocked the road completely. We’re working to clear it from both sides, north and south,” he said.

Safari said there had been a series of smaller avalanches in the area in recent weeks. □

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# Doctor says vendor may have been in rubble 27 days

By PAISLEY DODDS  
Associated Press Writer

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — A rice vendor may have lived under the rubble of a flea market for 27 days with little more than water and possibly fruit, a doctor said Tuesday, in what would be a dramatic tale of survival four weeks after Haiti's devastating earthquake.

The man's account could not be independently confirmed, however, and the doctor conceded medical workers were skeptical at first, but he said they began to believe the man when he regained consciousness and told his story.

The nab said he had just finished selling rice for the day at a downtown flea market when quake struck Jan. 12. He said he didn't suffer any major injuries and was trapped on his side in an area where food and drink vendors were selling their goods.

"Based on that (his story), we believe him," said Dr. Dushyantha Jayaweera, a physician at the University of Miami Medishare field hospital where hundreds of

patients have been treated since the quake.

Doctors said two men first took the vendor — identified as Evans Monsigrace — to a Salvation Army medical center in Port-au-Prince on Monday and he was then taken to the University of Miami hospital because of his critical condition. The men who brought him also said he had been trapped under the debris since the disaster.

The patient was suffering from severe dehydration and malnutrition, but health care workers expressed skepticism about his story when some of his lab work came back relatively normal, Jayaweera said. Then the man regained consciousness and was lucid enough to recount a tale that seems plausible, the doctor said.

Still, doctors at the field hospital or at a Salvation Army medical center had no way to confirm the story.

The last confirmed survivor found in Haiti was a 16-year-old girl removed from rubble by a French rescue team 15 days after the quake. Doctors said at the time that disaster

survivors may be able to sustain themselves with a water supply and without medical attention for up to two weeks.

Nery Ynclan, a University of Miami media officer in Haiti, said the rice vendor was in stable condition Tuesday and being treated for dehydration and malnutrition.

"Someone could not survive 28 days without water," Ynclan said of the frail 28-year-old man whose legs are rail thin. "You can go nine weeks without food."

Jayaweera said the man originally claimed that he had not had any water or food. The man, however, had a normal kidney function with heart palpitations, suggesting he drank at least had some water but not enough to avoid getting dehydrated, the doctor said.

"He came in delirious, asking to die," Ynclan said, noting Creole translators were at the field hospital.

"He's still out of it. He answers basic questions," she said, adding he was nibbling on chocolate and probably would be at the field hospital for a week.



In this photo provided by michaelthemaven.com, a man who identified himself as Evans Monsigrace, 28, is attended at the Salvation Army medical center after being brought in by two men in Port-au-Prince, Monday, Feb. 8, 2010.

Associated Press

The man's mother, who was at the field hospital, told workers that people clearing rubble from downtown discovered him and alerted his brothers. A videotape shot by Michael Andrew, an Arizona-based freelance photographer and a volunteer at the Salvation Army medical center, shows doctors on Monday trying without success to insert a needle into the man's arm to give him fluid. Doctors there then referred the man to the field hospital at the airport, Andrew told The Associated

Press.

Andrew said the man was delirious and identified himself through an interpreter as Evans Muncie, 28. The Salvation Army, in a brief posting on its Web site, identified him Tuesday as Evan Ocinia.

That posting says the two men, whom it didn't identify, found the man in the debris of the market Monday. But Andrew said Tuesday it wasn't clear whether others had provided food and water to the man and that many details of the case had yet to be learned. □

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# Jackson celebrity turns doctor case into spectacle

By **JOHN ROGERS,**  
Associated Press Writer

**LOS ANGELES** — There's no bloody glove this time, no smoking gun, no faded music icon showing up in court wearing a wig that made it look like he plugged his finger into an electrical socket. There's not even a celebrity for that matter — the person on trial is a doctor no one had heard of eight months ago. Still, the case of the People vs. Michael Jackson's doctor has already taken on all the trappings of a full-blown Los Angeles celebrity trial, complete with a scrum of paparazzi and news photographers staking out the accused's residence and chasing him everywhere he goes. The mere rumor that he would be arrested or surrender sent an army of news photographers from all over the world rushing to a courthouse.

So it seems certain that Conrad Murray will join the ranks of O.J. Simpson, Robert Blake and Phil Spector in the pantheon of Los Angeles celebrity defendants, even

if he's an obscure Texas cardiologist in a case of medical negligence.

"There are no surprises here. We know how the guy died, we know who allegedly gave it to him. But lacking surprises, it's Michael Jackson. The news shows can play endless loops of Michael Jackson singing. Maybe his children will come into the courtroom, and what a day that would be," says Judy Muller, who shared in an Emmy for ABC's coverage of the ultimate celebrity trial, the one that ended with O.J. Simpson being acquitted of murder in 1995.

"I hate to be cynical but I've been here long enough to know how this will play," added Muller.

"It's Michael Jackson and it's a celebrity trial, even if it's a dead celebrity, and particularly in Los Angeles it's what we're known for."

Not that a trial involving a dead celebrity, even one as revered as Jackson was, is completely unprecedented. In 1981 a Tennessee jury found Dr. George Nichopoulos not guilty of negligently prescribing

drugs to Elvis Presley, whose body contained 14 different stimulants and depressants when he died in 1977.

But, relatively speaking, nobody paid much attention to that.

"That was another age, a much more innocent time," says Los Angeles media consultant Jonathan Taplin. "You didn't have a 24-7 media machine that feeds on celebrity, that feeds on raising up celebrities and then bringing them down."

It also occurred outside of Los Angeles, a media hotbed for sensational celebrity trial coverage since an August night in 1969 when a band of Charles Manson's social misfits broke into Sharon Tate's home and stabbed the actress and her friends to death.

Since then there have been the trials of actor Blake, acquitted of shooting his wife to death after taking her to dinner at his favorite Italian restaurant; of pioneering pop music producer Spector, convicted of fatally shooting actress Lana Clarkson after meeting her at a nightclub; and the granddaddy



**Joe Jackson and his son Jermaine Jackson leave the Airport Branch of the Los Angeles Superior Court on Monday, Feb. 8, 2010, in Los Angeles. Michael Jackson's doctor Conrad Murray, not seen, was charged Monday with involuntary manslaughter. Murray pleaded not guilty. He faces up to four years in prison if convicted.**

(AP Photo/Damian Dovarganes)

of them all, Simpson's acquittal of stabbing his ex-wife and her friend to death. Even Jackson's own trial in nearby Santa Barbara County in 2005, during which he was acquitted of child-molestation charges, rates high on the celebrity scale, with fans marveling as he danced atop his SUV outside the courthouse one day and showed up in his pajamas on another.

Just how the Jackson doctor trial, in which Murray is charged with involuntary manslaughter, will stack up against those depends on some intangibles.

If the judge who hears the case decides to let TV cameras into the courtroom, for example, that will likely ratchet up interest quite a bit.

"We have a somewhat interesting example of that in the Phil Spector case," said former federal prosecutor Jean Rosenbluth.

Spector was tried twice for murder, his first trial ending with a hung jury.

With cameras allowed into the courtroom, people tuned in to watch as Spector arrived each day in his funny wigs and 1960s-style mod clothes. But when cameras were banned from the second trial interest waned until the verdict came in.

"Michael Jackson is Phil Spector times 2 million," laughed Rosenbluth, adding the King of Pop's influence was so great and his death at age 50 so devastating to

his worldwide fan base that interest could be huge.

There are already more than a dozen Jackson Facebook fan groups, in several languages, with titles like "I Hate Conrad Murray" and "Arrest Conrad Murray." On Twitter, the Murray tweets from news organizations and private citizens alike pour forth by the minute.

As big as Jackson was, though, it seems doubtful his doctor's case can overshadow Simpson's murder trial.

For one thing, notes critical studies professor Todd Boyd, who has written extensively on pop culture and race relations, there's no divisive racial issue this time, as there was when Simpson's lawyers argued he was framed by a racist police officer who planted a bloody glove at his house.

For another, a lot of people thought going into that trial Simpson was guilty. He had had numerous domestic disputes with his ex-wife before she and her friend were violently ambushed outside her home.

Murray on the other hand is accused of accidentally killing Jackson by administering a powerful sedative, which Boyd said likely lessens some of the emotion.

"It's not as though some person came to take Michael Jackson's life," he said. "This is a case where a doctor is simply being charged with malpractice and by extension manslaughter." □

## DeGeneres says Cowell is 'meaner than I thought'

**LOS ANGELES** — Ellen DeGeneres, the newest judge on "American Idol," says Simon Cowell is "meaner" than she thought.

Cowell, Randy Jackson, Kara DioGuardi (KEHR'-uh dee-oh-GWAR'-dee) and various guest judges kicked off the ninth season of the Fox singing competition last month. DeGeneres begins her stint Tuesday night.

In a video posted on the show's Web site, DeGeneres says Cowell is "actually meaner than I thought. It's hard to listen to him tell people things and for me not to go, 'You poor thing!'" Cowell has announced that he's leaving "Idol" after this season. Paula Abdul left over a salary dispute.

DeGeneres says no one has given her advice on judging — "they're just letting me do what I want to do." □



**In this undated publicity image released by Fox, new 'American Idol,' judge Ellen DeGeneres is shown.**

(AP Photo/Fox, Michael Becker)

## Jamie Foxx brings kids music, donated instruments

**LOS ANGELES** — Oscar and Grammy winner Jamie Foxx says music got him where he is today. He encouraged the next generation of musicians to pursue their passion Tuesday at Walt Disney Concert Hall, where Foxx helped present \$500,000 in new violins, flutes, French horns, trumpets and drums to students from 16 high schools nationwide. The donated instruments are part of the Fidelity FutureStage program,

an effort by the investment firm to enrich arts education in public schools. The 4-year-old program provides instruments, specialized training and a chance to perform with renowned orchestras, such as the Los Angeles Philharmonic and the Boston Pops. Dominic Monaghan hosted Tuesday's program, in which students in Boston, Houston, Chicago and Los Angeles performed and received donated instruments. □





# Stocks jump on hopes for Greece debt assistance

By TIM PARADIS,  
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — The Dow Jones industrial average jumped back above 10,000 on hope that the European Union will help Greece manage its growing debt burden.

The Dow rose 150 points Tuesday, a day after closing below 10,000 for the first time in three months. The major indexes all gained more than 1 percent.

Global markets bounced back on reports that European Central Bank President Jean-Claude Trichet is changing his travel schedule to attend a meeting of EU officials on Thursday and that plans are being developed to rescue Greece. The reports are raising hopes that policymakers will take bigger steps to contain troubles in Greece. The county is struggling with big budget gaps and is seeing demand fall for its debt.

Though Greece's economy is small, investors are concerned that troubles there will spill into other countries. World stock markets have been tumbling in recent weeks on concerns that debt problems would spread. Investors are also concerned by budget gaps in Ireland, Portugal, Spain and the uncertainty has undermined Europe's common currency, the euro.

The European debt problems are the latest obstacle for investors who have put the market's 10-month rally on hold. Stocks began retreating in mid-January after China said it would try to control its economy to avoid speculative bubbles. Things got worse when President Barack Obama announced plans to curb trading by large financial institutions.

On Tuesday, Greece took its latest steps to calm markets, pledging to increase retirement ages, raise fuel taxes and

accelerate reforms. However a strike over the government's new austerity measures is still expected to proceed on Wednesday.

"There's some euphoria that maybe it's not going to be blowing up," said Erik Davidson, managing director of investments for Wells Fargo Private Bank in Carmel, Calif., referring to easing fears over Greece.

The Dow also got a boost from Morgan Stanley's upgrade to shares of Caterpillar Inc. It was Morgan's first upbeat take on the stock in three years. A cautious forecast from the equipment maker hurt stocks late last month. According to preliminary calculations, the Dow rose 150.25, or 1.5 percent, to 10,058.64, its steepest percentage gain since Nov. 9. The broader Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 13.78, or 1.3 percent, to 1,070.52, while the Nasdaq composite index rose 24.82, or 1.2 percent, to 2,150.87.

Stocks have become more volatile in recent weeks as concerns grow about the strength and sustainability of a global economic recovery. The Dow, which fell almost 104 points Monday, has posted triple-digit moves in 11 of the last 17 trading days. The index has posted four consecutive Dow market has retreated 6.2 percent since hitting a 15-month high in the middle of January.

The market's leap higher illustrates how reliant investors around the world are on soothing words from policymakers. In the U.S., stocks have barreled higher for nearly a year because the Federal Reserve has pledged to hold interest rates low to help revive the economy. The flow of cheap cash has perhaps been the biggest driver of the market as investors look for places to stick their money.

Analysts are asking how markets will fare as the Fed dismantles some of its emergency support programs for the economy, as it has started to do. There are concerns, for example, that home loan rates will rise will rise as the Fed ends a program to purchase mortgage debt to drive up demand.

"It's sort of like last call at the bar," Davidson said. "People have to start to look what the world is going to look like without being awash in liquidity." □



Traders Robert Maher, left, and Anthony Alvarino work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2010.

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# Helicopters and trucks bring snow to Cypress

MIKE CORDER

Associated Press Writer

WEST VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — A clattering helicopter and a rumbling truck dumped snow on Cypress Mountain, the warm weather-plagued venue where the first Winter Olympic event is just four days away.

Olympic organizers opened parts of the mountain to media for the first time Tuesday, showing off a snow-covered moguls course with a big patches of dirt on either side. The snowboard halfpipe remained off limits.

“All in all, I think we are very positive about how things have come together,” said Dick Vollet, the Vancouver organizing committee’s head of mountain operations. “We are quite happy with where we are given that we are fighting mother nature and sometimes she can be very unforgiving.” The conditions on Cypress Mountain have been the most dominant concern leading up to the games, which open Friday.

VANOC chief executive officer Jack Furlong described the efforts to get the venue prepared as being organizers’ greatest challenge.

Rainfall and the warmest January on record in the region have forced crews to work around the clock to prepare the tracks.

“The amount of work that has been done against these conditions is really hard to believe,” Furlong said.

As reporters walked into the resort just under an hour’s drive from Vancouver, blue-clad workers with brooms were sweeping snow around the top of the moguls course and a helicopter ferried back and forth with crateloads of snow dangling beneath it from a long rope.

Flags and fences already line



Trucks carrying snow to waits to enter the Cypress Mountain snowboard and freestyle ski venue at the Vancouver 2010 Olympics in Vancouver, British Columbia, Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2010.

the course, which was hosting its second day of training Tuesday.

Vollet said about 170

truckloads of snow have arrived from three hours away to help build up and maintain the courses and halfpipe. He

repeatedly had to be halt his news conference because of a helicopter landing and taking off nearby.

Associated Pressboth

Temperatures dipped below freezing overnight, Vollet said. Long-range forecasts are mixed and include the possibility of rain through Saturday, the day of the first event — qualification and finals of the women’s freestyle moguls. The men’s freestyle moguls follow on Sunday.

Two days of training already have been canceled to help maintain the snowboard halfpipe and organizers are ready to drape tarps over the entire halfpipe if it starts raining.

“Rain is always not a very good thing up here,” Vollet said.

Vollet did manage to find one upside of the lack of snow around the mountain.

“Conditions are going to be great for spectators,” he said. “They’re going to be walking on gravel paths, not snow.” □



Boston Bruins coach Claude Julien argues a high-sticking penalty against Bruins left wing Milan Lucic in the final two minutes of an NHL hockey game against Columbus Blue Jackets in Boston, Thursday, Jan. 21, 2010. The Blue Jackets scored during the penalty, giving them a 3-2 win over the Bruins.

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Six NHL teams will open the 2010-11 season in Europe, the fourth straight year the league will begin play overseas.

The NHL announced on Tuesday that the Boston Bruins, Carolina Hurricanes, Columbus Blue Jackets, Minnesota Wild, Phoenix Coyotes and San Jose Sharks will combine to play a total of six games in Europe at the start of next season.

The Hurricanes and Wild will meet in a pair of games in Helsinki on Oct. 7-8; Columbus plays San Jose in Stockholm on Oct. 8-9; and the Bruins and Coyotes face off in Prague on Oct. 9-10.

“We are extremely pleased that six teams — more than ever

## 6 NHL teams to open 2010-11 season in Europe

— will open their season in Europe,” NHL commissioner Gary Bettman said in a statement. “With these games, nearly half of our clubs will have participated (in overseas openers), a testament to how excited our teams are to be playing before our outstanding fans in Europe.”

The NHL is very popular in Finland, Sweden and the Czech Republic. The league’s Web site gets more traffic from those countries than almost anywhere else outside North America. And the clubs involved next season feature several players from the nations they will visit.

For example, the Blue Jackets’ current roster includes four players from Sweden: Forwards Fredrik Modin, Samuel Pahlsson and Kristian Huselius; and defenseman Anton Stralman.

San Jose has Swedish defenseman Douglas Murray and recently acquired Niclas Wallin.

Modin, Pahlsson and Murray will represent the defending Olympic champions at the upcoming Vancouver Games.

“Having the chance to play these games is going to be special, especially for me and the other Swedish players,” Pahlsson said. “It is really going to be great for fans in Sweden to be able to watch the NHL in person. They love hockey and games there are always pretty festive with a lot of singing and cheers. It is kind of like football a little bit. I’m looking forward to it and it should be a lot of fun.”

Minnesota and Carolina each have three Finns on the roster.

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# Could labor issues overshadow NBA All-Star week?

By BRIAN MAHONEY

AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK — The NFL's party week was briefly interrupted by a sobering message about the league's labor situation.

Now it could be the NBA's turn.

The league's collective bargaining agreement also will expire in 2011, and management and the players' association will meet next weekend during the All-Star events in Dallas as they try to negotiate a new one.

Indications are it won't be easy. CBSSports.com, citing a person familiar with the document, reported that the first proposal the league sent the union last week called for a reduction of the players' share of the basketball-related income from 57 percent to below 50, as well as reductions in the length and amount of maximum value contracts, and elements of a "hard" salary cap to replace the current system that forces teams exceeding the cap to pay a luxury tax.

Neither the league nor the

union have commented about the proposal, but it will surely be a topic when commissioner David Stern, and perhaps players' association executive director Billy Hunter, meets with the media on Saturday.

Last week before the Super Bowl in Miami, DeMaurice Smith, the executive director of the NFL's players union, strongly warned of a potential lockout. He called the chances of football not being played in 2011 after the league's CBA expires a "14" on a scale of 1 to 10. Stern said he will not ask Hunter to avoid saying anything similar that would spoil the good times in Dallas, where the league is expecting Cowboys Stadium to host the largest crowd ever to watch a basketball game.

"There's nothing that I could or would do with respect to Billy's ability to say anything," Stern told The Associated Press. "That's his job, that's his obligation and we understand it. We could go to the table and switch sides and argue the other side. That's just the reality of it and

so eventually there will be a deal, and we hope it's going to be sooner rather than later."

Huntersometimesappearswith Stern at the commissioner's annual state of the league press conference on All-Star Saturday night, but it's not clear if he will do so this year — especially if Friday's bargaining session goes poorly. The sides already held some informal meetings last summer and exchanged some financial documents, getting an early start on what could be difficult negotiations. The economic downturn hit many team owners hard and they are seeking significant changes in a system that the players argue has largely worked.

Stern has said the central issue will be the division of revenues, though a reduction in maximum deals would surely anger some of the league's



NBA commissioner David Stern gestures as he speaks to reporters during a news conference Monday. Boston's Paul Pierce and Washington's DeShawn Stevenson were each \$25,000 by the NBA for making "menacing gestures" in playoff games this weekend.

superstars — especially with LeBron James and Dwyane Wade among those hoping to sign some this summer. Players can currently re-sign with their own teams for up to six years and with other teams

for five.

The league's last lockout reduced the 1999 season to 50 games. Stern has been optimistic that starting talks early will help prevent another work stoppage. □

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## NBA Roundup

# Carter's 48 points help Magic beat Hornets

ORLANDO, Florida (AP) — Vince Carter had a season-high 48 points to lead the Orlando Magic back from a 17-point second-half deficit to beat the New Orleans Hornets 123-117 on Monday. Carter was 19 for 27 shooting

**Orlando Magic guard Vince Carter, center, goes up for a shot in front of New Orleans Hornets center Sean Marks during the first half of an NBA basketball game in Orlando, Fla., Monday, Feb. 8, 2010.**

*Associated Press*

and had 34 points in the second half with some of the most sizzling moves since he joined the Magic, who have won nine of their last 11 games.

Dwight Howard added 25 points and 12 rebounds, and Rashard Lewis finished with 18 points for Orlando.

Peja Stojakovic had 29 points, and Darren Collison and David West added 27 points apiece for the Hornets, who have lost four of five since Chris Paul went down with an injured left knee.

### Lakers 101, Spurs 89

At Los Angeles, Pau Gasol had 21 points and 19 rebounds to lead five players in double figures as the Los Angeles Lakers beat San Antonio without injured Kobe Bryant and Andrew Bynum.

Bryant missed his second consecutive game with a sore left ankle, while Bynum sat out with a bruised right hip.

In their absences, the Lakers used a collective effort to win in their final home game before this weekend's All-Star break. Ron Artest added 18 points, Lamar Odom 16 points and 10 rebounds, and Jordan Farmar and Derek Fisher had 13 each.

Manu Ginobili scored 21

points, Tony Parker 20, Tim Duncan had 16 points and 15 rebounds and Antonio McDyess 12 rebounds for the Spurs, who have lost four in a row to the Lakers at Staples Center.

### Mavericks 127, Warriors 117

At Oakland, California, Jason Terry scored a season-high 36 points, including the go-ahead 3-pointer, as Dallas rallied from a 14-point deficit to beat Golden State.

Josh Howard and Drew Gooden also had season bests with 25 and 24 points respectively for the Mavericks. Jason Kidd added 17 points and 12 assists.

Anthony Morrow scored a season-high 33 points and had 11 rebounds to lead the Warriors, who lost their season-worst ninth straight, including five at home. Monta Ellis scored 27 points before leaving the game with an apparent right knee injury in the final four minutes.

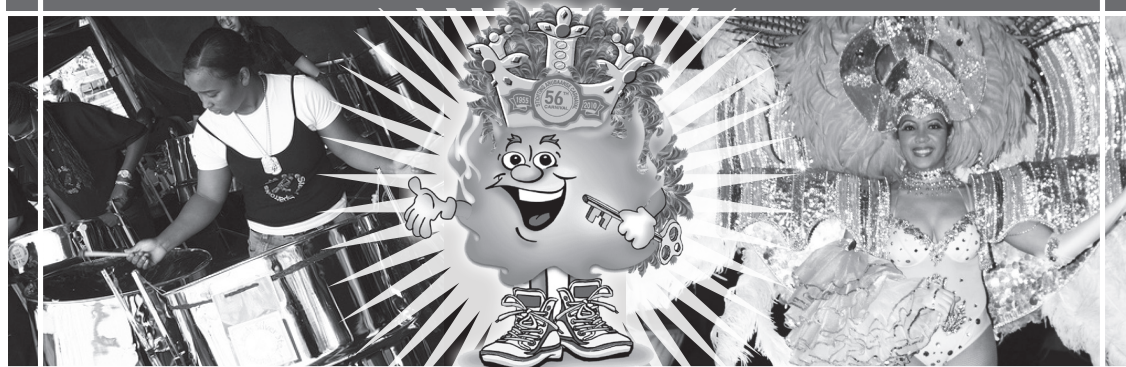
Stephen Curry scored 25 points to go with nine assists.

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## NHL Roundup

## Ducks snap Kings' nine-game winning streak

ANAHEIM, California (AP) — Corey Perry had a goal and two assists as the Anaheim Ducks snapped the Los Angeles Kings' franchise-record nine-game winning streak with a 4-2 victory in the latest Freeway Faceoff on Monday night. Jonas Hiller made 35 saves, while Teemu Selanne and Saku Koivu had a goal and an assist apiece for the last-place Ducks, who tied a franchise record of their own with their 10th straight home win.

Ryan Getzlaf also scored during Anaheim's three-goal second period, but the Canadian Olympian left in the second period with a sprained left ankle.

Oscar Moller and Anze Kopitar scored for the Kings, who hadn't lost since Jan. 11 while rising to third place in the Western Conference. Los Angeles had won five straight over Anaheim.

Los Angeles fell one victory shy of a club-record eighth straight road win.

**Flyers 3, Devils 2**

At Philadelphia, Mike Richards scored the go-ahead goal with less than eight minutes left in the third period to lead Philadelphia over New Jersey.

Richards pushed Kimmo Timonen's pass from behind the goal past Martin Brodeur. James van Riemsdyk and Jeff Carter also scored to

help the Flyers rally from a 2-0 deficit and snap a two-game losing streak.

Zach Parise and Anssi Salmela scored for the Devils, who have lost 10 of 14.

Salmela left the ice on a stretcher after scoring when he took a hard shoulder to the face from Carter. Salmela tumbled to the ice and remained face down for several minutes, until the Devils medical staff wheeled him off.

**Sharks 3, Maple Leafs 2**

At Toronto, Ryane Clowe scored with less than seven minutes left in the third period to lead San Jose past Toronto.

Dan Boyle and Joe Pavelski also had goals for the Sharks, who sent Jean-Sebastien Giguere to his first loss since being acquired from Anaheim on Jan. 31. Giguere had posted consecutive shutouts in his first two games with San Jose.

Tyler Bozak and Phil Kessel scored for the Maple Leafs, who nearly tied it with a flourish in the final minute of regulation.

Evgeni Nabokov made 32 saves for San Jose, which has won eight straight road games.

**Avalanche 5, Blues 2**

At Denver, Brandon Yip scored two goals and Chris Stewart had a goal and two assists as Colorado beat St.

Louis.

Paul Stastny had a goal and an assist, T.J. Galiardi also scored, and Craig Anderson made 32 saves for the Avalanche. Colorado moved into a first-place tie with idle Vancouver in the Northwest Division.

Eric Brewer and Erik Johnson scored for the Blues, who have lost three in a row.

Colorado got goals from Stewart, Stastny and Yip 4:09 apart to take a 5-2 lead and chase Chris Mason, who allowed five goals on 15 shots.

**Coyotes 6, Oilers 1**

At Glendale, Arizona, Matthew Lombardi had two goals and three assists for a career-high five points as Phoenix routed sputtering Edmonton for its 36th victory, matching their total from last season.

It was the most one-sided victory of the season for Coyotes, who emerged from bankruptcy owned by the NHL while the league tries to work out a sale. Phoenix has won seven of eight and entered tied with Los Angeles for third-best record in the Western Conference.

Ed Jovanovski, James Vandermeer, Radim Vrbata and Robert Lang also scored for Phoenix, while Ilya Bryzgalov had 33 saves.

The Oilers, winners of three of their last 26 games,

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The Wild feature captain Mikko Koivu, goalie Niklas Backstrom and right wing Antti Miettinen. The Hurricanes have forwards Jussi Jokinen and Tuomo Ruutu, and defenseman Joni Pitkanen.

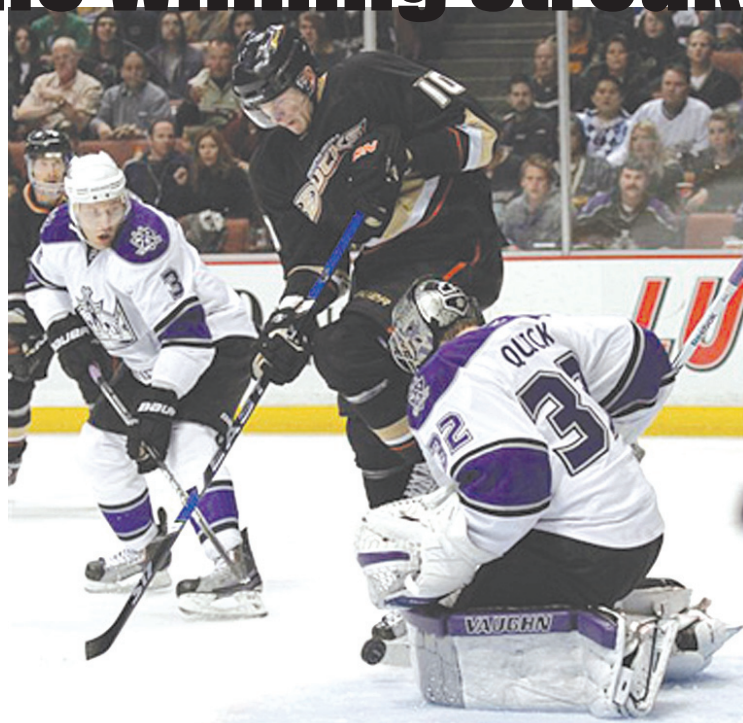
Plus, Hurricanes owner Peter Karmanos Jr. is the CEO of Compuware Corp., the business software and services provider that is sponsoring the Compuware NHL Premiere in Europe.

"It's just pretty neat," Karmanos said, before joking about Carolina's poor start this season. "Some of the teams last year were complaining about the slow start because they started in

Europe, and I thought, 'We couldn't do much worse than we did this year.' So, no, I'm not going to hold any passports."

Boston's roster includes Czech players David Krejci and Vladimir Sobotka. Phoenix has Zbynek Michalek and Czech countrymen Petr Prucha, Martin Hanzal, Robert Lang and Radim Vrbata.

The Detroit Red Wings, St. Louis Blues, Chicago Blackhawks and Florida Panthers opened this season in Europe. The Blackhawks and Panthers played home-and-home games in Helsinki, while the Red Wings and Blues faced off in a home-and-home series in Stockholm. □



Anaheim Ducks right wing Corey Perry (10) tries to score as Los Angeles Kings defenseman Jack Johnson (3) and goalie Jonathan Quick (32) defend in the second period of an NHL hockey game in Anaheim, Calif., Monday, Feb. 8, 2010.

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averted a shutout when Philadelphia 3, New Jersey 2; Colorado 5, St. Louis 2; Phoenix 6, Edmonton 1; and Anaheim 4, Los Angeles 2. □

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# SPORTS

## Aruba TODAY

### Jones, Hopkins ready for fight 17 years in making

DAVE SKRETTA

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — After nearly two decades of bitter squabbling, Roy Jones Jr. and Bernard Hopkins still can't share the same table.

Instead, the former champions appeared behind separate podiums on Tuesday with placards that had only their own names and likenesses. The stage inside the Hard Rock Cafe in Times Square was set up to resemble a debate, with each of the 40-something fighters given time to explain why they believe they'll win their long-awaited April rematch.

"Roy Jones ain't nothing to do with Bernard Hopkins' legacy and career, up to now, because there will be a final chapter, and that's important to me," Hopkins said.

To which Jones simply replied: "He didn't win the first time and he won't win this time." Yes, it's been 17 years since Jones defeated Hopkins to win a middleweight belt, and they've both built Hall-



Boxers Bernard Hopkins, third from left, and Roy Jones Jr., third from right, are separated by fight promoters while posing for photographers during a news conference, Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2010, in New York, to announce a rematch, to be held April 3 in Las Vegas.

of-Fame-worthy careers. Jones won eight titles in four divisions and became the first fighter in a century to climb from middleweight champion to heavyweight champion.

Hopkins set a record with 20 straight defenses of the middleweight crown and went 12 years without a loss. Now in the twilight of their careers, two fighters who

over who was to blame for the fight not happening.

Finally, it is.

"To me this is redemption in a lot of ways," Hopkins said. "I waited a lot of years, gone through a lot of matches to get this done."

Hopkins is still considered one of the top five pound-for-pound fighters in the world, but because of his age and defensive style, he's had trouble finding fights. Jones is coming off a knockout loss to Danny Green in Australia and hasn't been the same in years. Taking on each other was the most lucrative opportunity available, and could be even more rewarding considering some unique contract stipulations. Jones and Hopkins will split the take 50-50 except in the case of a knockout, which would reward the winner 60 percent.

"I'm not going to watch him all night, and we have incentives — 60-40 for a knockout — so he's going to have to fight," Jones said, talking about as quickly as he once unfurled those incredible punches. "He wants to always prove he's better than me, but he's not." Jones and Hopkins agree that they're different fighters than they were the first time they met, back when they were still largely unknown. Their first meeting in the rain at RFK Stadium in Washington, D.C., wasn't even the main event — Riddick Bowe was the headliner.

But they still carry plenty of name recognition, which might be the most valuable thing that promoters Golden Boy and Square Ring can use to sell tickets and pay-per-views.

"This is a fight that everybody wants to see," Golden Boy CEO Richard Schaefer said. "It's a fight that people have waited for."

That's certainly true. □

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could never agree on much of anything have agreed to fight, perhaps finally realizing that they need each other.

"This fight is very important to me because it's personal," said Hopkins, who admitted he's watched his 1993 loss to Jones "about a million times."

"A lot of fighters don't have history," Hopkins said. "We've got 17-plus-year history."

For years they talked about a rematch, and it almost happened after Hopkins knocked out Felix Trinidad to become undisputed middleweight champion in 2001. Hopkins remembers visiting Jones in Pensacola, Florida five or six years ago and waiting in a hotel lobby for hours until they finally met — but nothing came of it.

Executives from HBO tried to get them to agree to terms, back when a rematch would have been the biggest thing in the sport, but egos and self-interests always intervened. They even wound up arguing

### Death of Kerrigan's father is ruled a homicide

DENISE LAVOIE

AP Legal Affairs Writer

BOSTON (AP) — The death of the father of Olympic skater Nancy Kerrigan was ruled a homicide Tuesday when an autopsy showed he died of a heart rhythm problem after a fight with his son in which he suffered a neck injury so severe it damaged his windpipe.

The findings could prompt new charges against Kerrigan's brother, Mark, who has pleaded not guilty to assault and is undergoing a psychiatric evaluation.

Daniel Kerrigan, 70, died Jan. 24 after what authorities said was a struggle with his 45-year-old son, Mark.

Police say Mark Kerrigan told them he put his hands around his father's neck and his father fell to the floor after the two argued at their Stoneham home.

Family members had initially said Daniel Kerrigan had a heart attack and his death was unrelated to the argument.

The autopsy report released Tuesday by Middlesex District Attorney Gerry Leone said the elder Kerrigan also had underlying health conditions, including high blood pressure and clogged heart arteries.

"As a result of these conclusions of the medical examiner, the investigation into Daniel Kerrigan's death, and whether any charges in connection with his death are appropriate, remains ongoing," Leone said in a statement. The findings imply a strangulation-type injury in a man already weakened by high blood pressure and clogged heart arteries, said an expert not connected with the autopsy, Dr. Ian Paul, associate medical examiner for the state of New Mexico.

"The assault itself would have caused significant physiological stress," Paul said. "It would have put direct stress to the heart itself because the heart is working faster, and in somebody with underlying heart disease, they would be at a much greater risk of experiencing sudden cardiac death." □



## Hyatt Regency Aruba Earns Green Globe Silver Certification



PALM BEACH, ARUBA — Hyatt Regency Aruba Resort & Casino is the first Green Globe-certified high-rise resort on Palm Beach. The resort on 12 beachfront acres on the northwest coast of Aruba received the prestigious Silver status under the Green Globe Earthcheck Certification program, the premier international certification alliance for sustainable travel

and tourism. Following the ongoing success of the resort's Embrace Project to inspire staff and guests to revitalize cherished local landmarks, the certification recognizes the resort's dedication to operating at the world's highest environmental standards. "Silver certification has generated excitement and pride for resort associates while elevating our standing

in the community of Aruba, and we couldn't be more thrilled," said Susan Santiago, General Manager of Hyatt Regency Aruba. "Supporting Hyatt's ongoing commitment to sustainability, our service team has made environmental efforts a major focus. All of our associates, driven by our "Green Team" are proud to be setting an example for others on island to follow. As global citizens, we embrace this responsibility and continue diligently working to improve efforts that preserve the natural and cultural resources of Aruba. Combined with Hyatt's ongoing global sustainability program, Hyatt Earth, we've made a long-term commitment to reduce our environmental footprint through measureable and purposeful actions." Undertaking this highest level of Green Globe programs is no easy process, requiring an extensive audit encompassing interviews and reviews of policies and operations. Green Globe representatives, met

with numerous associates, pursued onsite inspections and reviewed a range of environmental indicators using their Earthcheck™ tool, including the resort's energy consumption, its sustainability policy - even its parrot population. By fostering a spirit of innovation, collaboration and community focus for all associates of Hyatt Regency Aruba, a true team effort was put in place to reach this impressive milestone. Among standout practices, Hyatt Regency Aruba was lauded for: The "elegant" use of natural ventilation in the main lobby, befitting the resort's tropical location while resulting in "substantial energy savings." Use of premium environmentally friendly solutions, such as the planned introduction of biodegradable food trays instead of cheaper polystyrene trays. The roof garden with skylights for the Ruinas del Mar restaurant, hailed as "one of the few successful roof gardens in

Aruba" in the Green Globe Certification Audit Report. Community work by employees done during work time. That last point is particularly gratifying, as the resort's volunteer EMBRACE Project (Employees Maintaining, Beautifying, Revitalizing Authentic Cultural Elements) saw the cleanup of two cherished local landmarks - the Bushiribana Gold Smelter Ruins and the Balashi Gold Mine Ruins - during 2009. Guests were encouraged to join volunteer staff in these morning-long cleanup efforts, and the resort rewards everyone with "Hyatt Force" t-shirts, snacks and drinks, transportation and tools for the work. Sites on the EMBRACE agenda for the year ahead include a return trip to the Bushiribana Gold Smelter Ruins and Balashi Gold Mine Ruins. Taken together, Green Globe Certification and the EMBRACE program reveal Hyatt Regency Aruba to be on the leading edge of two of the hottest trends in travel: environmental sustainability and voluntourism. The Green Globe program as managed by EC3 Global is the worldwide Benchmarking, Certification and performance improvement system assisting the travel and tourism industry to attain sustainability. Green Globe with Earthcheck science inside provides a certification system that responds directly to the major environmental problems facing the planet, including climate change, waste reduction and non-renewable resource management. □

## Divi Resorts show their support to Haiti via the Red Cross Aruba

DIVI LINKS – An informal gathering at Divi Links brought together a number of Divi Resorts executives on the occasion of a check presentation to the Red Cross Aruba.

Since January 12th, the Red Cross Aruba has been involved in massive fund raising efforts which included a January 25th six-hour Telethon for Haiti, designed to raise funds in response to the devastation caused by the tragic earthquake.

The fund raising drive is organized by the Red Cross of Aruba President Greg Peterson, and involved the business community, hundreds of individuals and all of the island's civic organizations.

Divi Resorts responded immediately to the need of Aruba's neighboring island and as a result of a company-wide undertaking, summoned Greg Peterson for a considerable check presentation.

Pictured here making a donation to the Red Cross Aruba, Marin Bijl, General Manager Divi & Tamarijn Aruba All Inclusive, Greg Peterson, President Red Cross Aruba, Carol Jansen, Assistant General Manager Divi Village Golf and Beach Resort & Dutch Village all Suite Resort, Willem van Elderen, Golf Director The Links, Gerrit Griffith, General Manager Divi Village Golf and Beach Resort & Dutch Village all Suite Resort & Tabitha Fecunda, Island Marketing Divi Resorts Aruba. □



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# HYATT REGENCY ARUBA RESORT & CASINO 2009 Awards Banquet Celebration



Palm Beach - The Hyatt Regency Aruba Resort & Casino most recently hosted their Annual Awards Banquet Celebration in the Regency Ballroom to recognize their distinguished Service Team Members. The Hyatt announced their Manager/Assistant Manager and Supervisor for the 4th quarter of 2009 as well as for

Manager/ Assistant Manager and Supervisor of the year for the resort and the casino. This was, without a doubt, a worthy recognition of their loyal and dedicated associates of Hyatt Regency Aruba. The celebration started out as a reception for all the award nominees complete with Chef's culinary specialties, beverages and of lively music.



General Manager, Ms. Susan Santiago, started the ceremony by announcing the winners for the 4th Quarter of 2009.

The exceptional service team winners for the 4th Quarter of 2009 were as follows:

October:

- Arastelle Severe (Ruinas): Front-Of-House
- Luis Zambrano, Gustavo Pelayo, Sabino Martinez (Food Storeroom): Heart-Of-House

November

- Diana Tromp (Recreation): Front-Of-House

December

- Orlando Tabares (Housekeeping): Heart-Of-House
- Helena Solognier (Casino)
- Ingrid Kock (Palms): Front-Of-House
- Nelly Acosta-Delgado (Culinary): Heart-Of-House
- Maria Ines Spanner (Casino)

Ms. Santiago continued the ceremonies by awarding the managers, assistant managers and supervisors for the 4th quarter.

4th Quarter award winners:

- Raul Alleyne - Manager of the quarter - Stewarding
- Roseangela Nubour - Assistant Resort Manager of the quarter - Front Office
- Martin Dijkhoff - Casino manager of the quarter - Casino Slots

The nominees and winners of this category truly exhibit the dedication and commitment as a Hyatt Manager. They are known to provide the exceptional experiences, and these individuals have truly distinguished themselves as exemplary candidates.

These individuals have been selected after careful evaluation. They all need provide exceptional job performance and supervisory



skills, superb attendance and punctuality, and most importantly, the ability to lead the resort to the next level as it relates to attentive, courteous and exceptional service.

Right after the announcement of the 4th Quarter recipients, it was time to announce the award winners for Manager of the Year, Assistant Manager of the Year for the Resort and Casino. This announcement was abruptly interrupted to increase the suspense of the final awards. Amazing carnival dancers in full costume, had the crowd on their feet, as they danced with the nominees to settle their nerves.

Finally the time had come for the highlight of the evening the announcements of the 2009 prestigious award winners. The Human Resources team

together with the Executive Team Members crowned each finalist, which were in turn called to the podium by Ms. Santiago to announce the winner of each category for 2009.

Award winners for 2009:

- 2009 Resort Associate of the Year: Sedney Mogngen - Beverage
- 2009 Resort Assistant Manager / Supervisor of the Year: Shirley Milton - Housekeeping
- 2009 Manager of the Year - Marta Raven - Sales
- 2009 Casino Associate of the Year: Pedro Zievinger - Casino
- 2009 Casino Manager of the Year - Martin Dijkhoff - Casino

Congratulations to all the recipients on their well deserved recognition. □







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At the South Beach Centre

# Milano Restaurant & Lounge now open



PALM BEACH -- Milano Restaurant & Lounge at South Beach Centre is now open serving dinner, light bites, fine wines and cocktails, in a trendy indoor and outdoor setting.

The Milano lounge was inaugurated last weekend and overnight gained popularity with the local hip and chic crowd.

This weekend, having conducted an elegant public tasting with a VIP list of invitees, creative Executive Chef Ricky Croes got the green light, to launch his innovative and interesting menu, and officially open the restaurant for business.

With influences spanning the Caribbean Islands, Milano Restaurant & Lounge culinary team with talented sous chef Gilbert Fleming, greatly assisted by Dyon Cornes and Lily Rodriguez-Galindo, put a new twist on fusion cuisine.

The menu is anchored in



Northern Italy, but takes a nod from the many cultures that sailed through the Caribbean and influenced the flavors of the regional kitchen.

For appetizers some of the interesting pairings include Tuna & Pumpkin, which was met with much enthusiasm. Patrons dining under the stars or in the air-conditioned dining room also appreciated two other delicious combinations,

Prosciutto & Mango and the Salmon and Goat Cheese.

The main courses which feature home-raised Chicken, Duck Ravioli, Black Angus Fillet Mignon, Rack of Lamb, Osso Bucco, Black Angus Rib Eye Steak, Frutti Di Mare, Caribbean Shrimp, and the totally delicious Red Snapper, are each paired with their own complementary sides including risotto, sweet potato, and pasta, flavored with their own perfectly matching sauces and garnishes, matching the chef's "no plate alike" philosophy. The desserts deliver deconstructed classics with an original twist on timeless recipes, including Cheese Cake, Tiramisu and Babba alla Napolitana.

With 100% young talent in the kitchen, the culinary brigade will impress you with fresh and healthy food, as the Caribbean meets the Mediterranean in the kitchen.

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## ALOHA BRIDGE CLUB ARUBA

RESULTS THURSDAY, 4 FEBRUARY 2010

A total of 15 pairs attended the morning bridge session at the Members Lounge of the Aruba Beach Club Resort.

The following guest players attended: Betty Domes, Pete Otterman, Byron Siegel, Jay and Ken Rogaski.

The results 50% and higher are as follows:

- 1 Pete Otterman / Byron Siegel 64.50 %
- 2 Ghislaine Mendes / Margreet Kuiperdal 59.88 %
- 3 Geke In 't Veld / Liesbeth van den Ham 56.88 %
- 4 Joke Henriquez / Annette Ybeles Smit 54.61 %

RESULTS FRIDAY, 5 FEBRUARY 2010

On Friday evening a total of 12 pairs attended the bridge session in the Frank Conway Room of Casa del Mar.

The following guest players joined: Anje and Steef Schouwstra.

The results 50% and higher are as follows:

- 1 Addy Eilers / Willem Jacobusse 65.97 %
- 2 Joke Henriquez / Willy Flanegin 62.50 %
- 3 Fred van der leest / Chris Joosten 58.33 %
- 4 Sheila Lampe / Edith Henriquez 55.56 %

Aloha Bridge Club Aruba meets twice a week: on Thursday mornings at the Members Lounge of the Aruba Beach Club, starting at 9.00 am and on Friday evenings at the Frank Conway Room of Casa del Mar starting at 7.30 pm. Signing up closes ten minutes before starting time. Fee for guest players: \$ 6.00 or Afl. 10.00 per person.

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## Decision Making

My friend is the owner/operator of a local business. He has been independent, without a boss, for over 20 years, and is being offered a partnership in a company with amazing growth potential and loads of benefits. After his initial meeting with the company, he asked for my input. The following is geared toward this situation. It is of the utmost importance when dealing with people, to get an initial impression about them and what they represent. What are their ideals? Are they cutting corners, or doing everything top-notch? How do they react to bad news

under pressure? Do you get along? How do you interact under pressure? Everyone will say they're fair and generous, but what do their past actions show? Anyone can talk about the future, but what does their past show you? Unfortunately, there's only so much you can discern about people, especially in the beginning of relationships. We must do the best we can to protect ourselves and make decisions based on knowledge we have in the present, then the outcome will be whatever it is, and our situation will continue to change as we change.

Human Relationships aside, when we're faced with big decisions, it's important to know clearly what is important to us, and list these things in order of importance. Then we can judge what we're willing to give up. We must be clear on the goals in our life, and how we want our lives to be in the future. Think of one year, two years, five years down the road. What do you want your life to be like? What decision will lead you closer to where you want to go? What about your shorter term goals, like three to six months?

These will be different from your longer-term goals, and it is important to consider the goals and consequences of both in our decision making. The shorter-term goals lead to where you want to be longer term, and we must balance the importance of each. Short term goals are important because they keep you on the path, they keep you focused. They are attainable milestones that show your progress toward where you want to be.

List all the benefits and drawbacks of each decision, in order of importance. Play with combinations of these, and determine a balance that you think is fair to both parties. Use your benefits and drawbacks as

leverage to negotiate. Let the company know what you're giving up if you join them, and what it means to you. Let the company know what you are bringing to the table, and what you think you're worth. Think closely about the details of what each decision means. If being hired by another company means loosing your independence, what does that mean? Does it mean you can't go to Mexico for two weeks at a time with no notice? Can you go for two days? Try to determine the details of each decision, and negotiate the details. Set your terms and negotiate the details. Create an offer that will be all right with you, whether it is accepted or not. Therein lies your personal power. By knowing clearly what you want your life to be like, you can set specific goals, then make decisions with the intention (its all about your intention) to get closer to your goals. In the long run, the decision doesn't matter as long as you have a clear intention behind the decision. If you consistently intend to reach your long term goals, you will. In any negotiation, don't forget how valuable you are. You are bringing things to the table, and they are worth something. At the same time, don't be

greedy, even if you can. Both parties must be treated equally. We must each raise the social standard of moral acceptance, simply by doing what we say we're going to do, and sticking to our word. You can only trust others after you trust yourself.

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### ~Quentin Danziger

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It was an instant success and Amazonia Churrascaria became a household name, a favorite place for family gatherings, celebrations or just great food. The restaurant gauchos continuously offer choice cuts of grilled beef, chicken, lamb, pork & sausage, seasoned to perfection and slow roasted over open flame.

The meat selections are accompanied by an extravagant forty-item, frequently changing seasonal salad bar where you can keep sampling until your beg for mercy, all for an inclusive price, excluding dessert and beverages.

On the dessert list the restaurant boasts homemade Crème Brule, Flan, Brazilian Cheese Cake, Chocolate Mousse Cake,

Apple Pie, and Papaya Cream. The restaurant features an extensive award winning Wine Spectator wine list, a well stocked bar and a terrific selection of Cuban cigars.

Managed by Hubert Solagnier with over thirty years of international Food & Beverage experience, the restaurant is the 'baby' of local entrepreneurs and investors Rene Kan and Milton Berlinski.

With over 40 frequently-changing salads on the salad bar, 14 types of grilled meats

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# Meet Chef Ludwigh Samson and his exquisite menu now unveiled!



Nestled in the quiet neighborhood of Boegoeroei, Perle d'Or apartment complex houses Dutch students and vacationers, as well as a cozy garden eatery, Pam Pam Restaurant & Bar. Aiming to attract a more diverse clientele, Pam Pam has recently adopted a more upscale dining concept. In order to pilot this new concept, rising local chef Ludwigh Samson was brought on board, and in just two months on the job, he has

more than proven his worth.

Laid-back, refreshingly young, and ambitious, Ludwigh began his career as a chef by enrolling in Aruba's hospitality and culinary arts school—the best decision he has ever made, he wholeheartedly claims. With ten years in the kitchen and three years as a chef, Ludwigh has developed an impressive arsenal of cooking skills. He attributes the majority of his growth as a chef to his years

of working under his mentor, Vittorio Muscarlello, owner of Hostaria Da'Vittorio and one of the most highly respected chefs on Aruba.

In his two months with Pam Pam, Ludwigh has entirely remodeled the kitchen to make it more efficient. He has also created a whole new menu featuring particularly unique dishes in order to distinguish Pam Pam from the endless number of restaurants along Aruba's hotel strip. While the menu still offers Dutch snacks and typical Dutch platters like sate to appease the many Dutch interns residing at Perle d'Or, the rest of the menu offers upscale fusion cuisine. Lemon grass and chillies give several seafood dishes a Thai flair; homemade ravioli and beef carpaccio salute Italy; crustacean ceviche adds a Peruvian element; and Indonesian spices add zest to a handful of casual main dishes.

Ludwigh also craftily adds little unexpected twists to some classic dishes, elevating the uniqueness of his menu. One of his personal favorites is his porcini-crusted filet mignon served with a thyme red-wine reduction. He also delights in the fact that most diners have a hard time figuring out the sweet and spicy deliciousness of his signature crustacean platter. Other interesting interpretations include lump-crab lollipops, chicken cordon blue unorthodoxly stuffed with ricotta and bacon, and for dessert, tiramisu that promises an untraditional layer of decadent Bailey's chocolate mousse.

Needless to say, Ludwigh is creative in the kitchen and works extremely hard, currently putting in 12 to 16 hours a day, seven days a week; but he insists that this is not what makes a good chef good. "I simply love what



I do for a living," confides Ludwigh, and this is what guarantees success in the kitchen and contented diners. Of course, being a chef can be downright stressful, but Ludwigh thrives on the rush of adrenaline on busy nights. And when he peers out of the kitchen and sees a restaurant full of people enjoying their meals, he experiences immense satisfaction. For reservations call: 5877710 or 7483848, or visit us at [www.pampamaruba.com](http://www.pampamaruba.com). □



# Brunch in the Name of Love at Aquarius Restaurant



ORANJESTAD – Aquarius Restaurant will be offering brunch in the name of love



on Sunday February 14th and Monday February 15th, from noon till 3:30 p.m., at \$30 per person, plus service charge, in celebration of Valentine's Day.

The sumptuous brunch will delight good-food lovers, and Carnival fans, and will serve to either charge their energies before the Grand Parade in Oranjestad or recover their energies the day after the festivities.

The fantastic menu, a veritable feast in the tradition of a classic restaurant includes everyone's favorite foods. Start off with



a rich Salad Bar with Red Beet Salad, Potato Salad, Egg Salad, Coleslaw & Pasta Salad, Seafood Ceviche, Jumbo Shrimp with Champagne Sauce, Salmon Gravlox, Smoked Herring, Peppered Mackerel, Assorted Sushi and Makisushi Rolls, Homemade Seasonal Pickled Vegetables, Liver Pate Baby Shrimp Cocktail, and Tomato & Baby Mozzarella Salad.

The Steaming Kettle will alternate a tasty soup both days and the hot entrees will be selected by the Chef in honor of the occasion, with international and local creations of Beef, Chicken, Fish, Pork and Lamb specialties.



The Carving Block will prominently display Roast Prime Beef au jus with horseradish and mustard sauce, plus the Chef's selection of roasted Ham, Turkey or Pork Loin and the Action Station will feature Omelets and Pastas tossed to order by a chef following patrons' own cooking instructions.

Also on the buffet, fresh-baked Breads including Croissants, Muffins, Banana Bread, assorted Danish Rolls & French bread accompanied by an international cheese board. Dessert, the affair's

finishing touch will deliver Pistachio Crème Brûlée, Quesillo, Tiramisu Chocolate Cake, Napoleon Rum Cake, Chocolate Mousse, Tropical Fruits & Banana Chiboust, Coffee or Tea. Children six to twelve years old, are welcome at half price. Lover's Valentine's Brunch will be served in the stylish comfort of Aquarius restaurant on the lobby level of the Renaissance Aruba Resort, Marina Tower. Valentine's brunch at Aquarius is an outstanding choice to show your love and special sentiments. □



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## Live Music & Entertainment tonight at Casa Tua Barcelona



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Enjoy your Paella and Sangria together with this fantastic live show! The downtown atmosphere is cool and relaxed with its in- and outside seating.

The highlight at Casa Tua Barcelona is also the new lunch specials every weekday from Monday till Friday! A \$9.95 lunch special; Beef tenderloin with a red wine sauce or choose the Grouper Fillet for \$11.95. Both dishes include a soft drink. Fresh Fish lovers can treat the palate to the Whole Red



Snapper, served with Rice and a salad for \$19.95. For entertainment, Casa Tua Barcelona offers rhythms of salsa & bolero & Cha Cha Cha performed by a live band every Saturday Nights! El Latin Son will perform tonight!!

All days of the week we serve Cold and Hot tapas as appetizers or the delicious Iberian Ham Pata Negra which we import directly from Andalucía. As your main course you could choose our Paella, traditionally prepared on the spot by our chef! Combine this Spanish dish with our home-made sangria to complete your dinner.

Of course we saved the best for last as no one does an ending better than Casa Tua with their dreamy Tiramisu. If you're into something different we suggest tasting the Espresso Martini Cocktail as dessert, you won't be disappointed.

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# Prince PriceWater & Pancho HouseCoopers assume command at PwC



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ORANJESTAD -- In a fierce inter-office competition, Prince PriceWater & Pancho HouseCoopers were elected at the PwC headquarters in

Oranjestad and immediately assumed their duties as Carnival royalty for the duration of the festive season. Paula Landwier helped



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# Cupid's Arrow Point

By: Dr. Carlos Viana

It's no surprise that this year Carnival and Valentine's Day coincide. Did you know that Valentine's Day isn't just an innocent holiday developed to help business sell flowers, chocolates or sexy lingerie? The true origin of Valentine's Day has its roots in the pagan worship of Baal, the sun god. In ancient Babylon Baal worship included participation in sacred sexual orgies. Similarly, historical records show early carnival festivals at the same time of year gave way to free flowing wine and all sorts of unrestrained self-indulgent sexual behavior.

Baal was often associated with the goddess Astoreth; the goddess of sexual love, motherhood and fertility. Prostitution as a religious rite in the service of this goddess is widely confirmed by cultural anthropologists. Today's Carnival Queen, symbolically represents our Goddess of Love.

The worship of Baal transformed to other cultures; or was the custom there already? To the Greeks he was Eros, meaning sexual desire; to the Romans he was Cupid, meaning desire. Both Greeks and Romans portrayed Eros/Cupid as a winged boy armed with bows and arrows. The Roman legend of Cupid and Psyche is the best-known story about this armed, unscrupulous boy. Pierced in your heart with Cupid's arrow will make you fall in love

with whom you are with at the time. Valentine's Day gifts are offerings to stimulate magic to get Cupid to shoot his arrow into the heart of the person you desire.

As everyone knows, love is supposed to conquer all. After much emotional drama, reflected in many romance novels, movies, and love songs; Cupid finally marries Psyche, who had been wandering the earth, looking for Cupid in vain. Like any modern retelling, they lived happily ever after, giving birth to a daughter whose name was Pleasure; of course.

What about love at first sight? This can be easily explained as having your heart pierced by Cupid's arrow. Unfortunately, Cupid is an armed, unscrupulous boy, who will shoot the arrow again through your adolescent love attitude. This helps explain why more than three-quarters of our marriages end in divorce.

Today what is hoped for is that Valentine's Day can be the perfect opportunity to ignite the romance in your love relationship. It's a great time for men to step outside our usual routine and develop a little passion. With a little planning, creativity, and money, merchandisers are hoping that you want to light a fire. Besides the chocolate & flowers, do you know there are natural supplements that can help juice up the libido?

Some people hate Valentine's Day. These people

believe that unless you are in a happy relationship it's no fun. They might be missing the main point. The target for Cupid's arrows should be on how we love. You see, the real Cupid is yourself.

The first arrow we shoot should be the arrow of truth. Truth of self is what we think about ourselves, what we desire and how we act in our relationships. Why are you engaging in sex? Are you there to gain another "conquest" or as a physical expression to a person you enjoy being with? The four reasons relationships fail are: criticism, contempt, defensiveness and shutting down and refusing to respond. I, like 81% of men am guilty at times of shutting down emotionally with my spouse.

The second arrow should be for transformation. New behavior that helps our relationships endure includes the following three points. Making time for conversations where you find out what your partner has experienced lately. Express fondness, appreciation, and admiration for your partner often. Acknowledge your partners interests, even in small moments. Remember, failing points are all about "me" while loving points are all about "you".

The third arrow is love. Women want the same thing out of relationships as emotionally matured men do; they just go about getting it in different ways. Being mature means being willing to work



at you relationships. With maturity we thrive physically, emotionally, and spiritually. We love God, our partner, our families, our friends, our animals and even our enemies. And in our relationships we get friendship, with its implicit values of patience, understanding, compassion, and cooperation, the real reason for Cupid's arrows.

Get The Point! The most beautiful thing in the world cannot be seen, or touched, but is felt in the heart. You never have to take it away from one person to give it to another. There's always more than enough to go around. Spread love everywhere you go: first of all in your own heart. Are you having some emotional blocks that a greeting card or social networking "accept this gift" isn't enough to get you through? Acupuncture, has some lovely treatments to help open the chakra's or "blocks" helping you find balance and harmony in yourself,

leaving you open for healthy loving relationships. Happy Valentine's Day!

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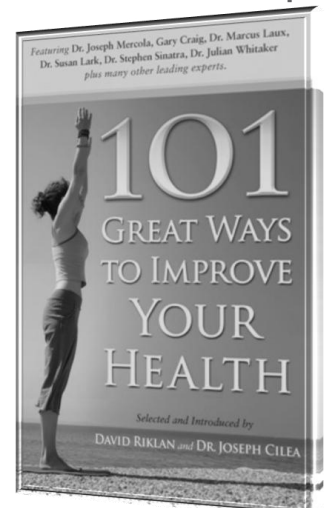
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# Actriz Angelina Jolie visita Dominicana en ruta a Haití

SANTODOMINGO(Reuters) - La actriz estadounidense Angelina Jolie visitó República Dominicana, donde se reunió con el presidente del país y visitó a un hospital que ha recibido a muchos niños afectados por el devastador terremoto en la vecina Haití, informó el martes un portavoz del Gobierno.

Su paso por Santo Domingo antecede a una visita que hará en gestiones humanitarias a Haití, que el pasado 12 de enero sufrió un terremoto de magnitud 7 que dejó más de 200.000 muertos.

Un portavoz de prensa del Gobierno dominicano informó que Jolie se reunió la noche del lunes con el presidente Leonel Fernández, con quien conversó en torno a las necesidades inmediatas de Haití.

“El presidente Fernández ha felicitado a la actriz Angelina



La actriz norteamericana, Angelina Jolie, dándole la mano al presidente de República Dominicana, Leonel Fernandez, durante su visita la país dominicano, en Santo Domingo. 8 feb 2010. REUTERS/Dominican Presidency Press/Miguel Angel Pantaleon/Handout

Jolie por el papel que ha desarrollado en las labores humanitarias que realiza en distintas partes del mundo en

su rol de Embajadora de Buena Voluntad de las Agencias de

las Naciones Unidas para Refugiados (ACNUR)”, dijo el portavoz.

La actriz también visitó el hospital de traumatología Darío Contreras, en el este de Santo Domingo, donde decenas de haitianos, especialmente niños, han sido atendidos desde que ocurrió el terremoto.

“Ella habló con varios niños y una mujer haitiana que la reconoció y le pidió ayuda”, informo Darío Mañón, un médico del establecimiento hospitalario que la atendió durante la visita.

República Dominicana está ofreciendo su territorio como puente para canalizar la ayuda material que está fluyendo hacia Haití desde el extranjero y para ello ha habilitado especialmente el aeropuerto internacional de Barahona, en el sur del país, por su cercanía con la frontera. □

## Guerrilla colombiana pide a Panamá cese de ataques en frontera

BOGOTA (Reuters) - La mayor guerrilla izquierdista de Colombia pidió el martes a Panamá suspender los ataques contra insurgentes en la zona de frontera y dijo que su política es no combatir con las Fuerzas Armadas de países vecinos.

La declaración de las Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia (FARC) se produjo casi dos semanas después de que Panamá reportó la muerte de tres rebeldes de ese grupo en una zona selvática de la frontera binacional, una acción que aplaudió el Gobierno de Bogotá.

“A los panameños y panameñas les decimos que por encima de esta injustificada hostilidad, que aspiramos sea corregida, está nuestra política de fronteras que ordena al guerrillero de las FARC no atacar a las Fuerzas Armadas de los países vecinos”, dijo el grupo rebelde en un comunicado.

La organización guerrillera denunció lo que denominó una “política inexplicablemente agresiva” en su contra por parte de las autoridades de Panamá en conjunto con las Fuerzas Militares de Colombia que incluye ofertas de recompensas por comandantes rebeldes, así como capturas y ataques a sus

combatientes.

“Es posible que el Gobierno (de Panamá) ignore que la Guardia en la frontera desarrolla patrullajes conjuntos con el Ejército de Colombia”, declararon las FARC a través de la agencia Anncol [www.anncol.eu](http://www.anncol.eu).

El grupo rebelde afirmó que las tropas de Panamá y de Colombia mantienen una estrecha relación con militares de Estados Unidos acantonados en una base de la zona. Las FARC son la mayor guerrilla izquierdista del país sudamericano y dicen luchar por imponer un sistema socialista en esa nación de 44 millones de habitantes con marcadas diferencias entre ricos y pobres.

El presidente de Colombia, Alvaro Uribe, con el apoyo de Estados Unidos, impulsa una ofensiva contra el grupo rebelde al que obligó a replegarse a apartadas zonas montañosas y selváticas.

Colombia y Panamá comparten una frontera terrestre de 266 kilómetros en medio de una región estratégica para el tráfico de drogas y de armas, de acuerdo con fuentes de seguridad. Las FARC son consideradas como una organización terrorista por Estados Unidos y la Unión Europea y Colombia la acusa de obtener millonarios recursos del narcotráfico. □

## En Argentina

### Ex presidente Kirchner deja cuidados intensivos

BUENOS AIRES (Reuters) - El ex presidente de Argentina Néstor Kirchner, considerado el político más influyente del país, continúa evolucionando favorablemente y salió de la sala de cuidados intensivos tras una cirugía por una afección arterial, informó el martes su médico personal.

Kirchner, quien ahora es diputado y tiene una gran influencia en el Gobierno de su esposa, la presidenta Cristina Fernández, fue sometido hace dos días a una operación de urgencia por una patología de su arteria carótida derecha tras sufrir trastornos de movilidad en un brazo.

“Pasó de cuidados intensivos a cuidados generales. Su evolución sigue siendo favorable”, dijo en una nota el médico personal de Kirchner, Luis Buonomo.

“Lo han pasado a sala general, está muy bien. Hay Kirchner para rato. Lo digo con mucha alegría, no solamente obviamente por ser su compañera de toda la vida, sino porque me enorgullece como marido pero me enorgullece mucho como militante, como dirigente político”, dijo por su parte la presidenta Fernández en un acto en la sede del Gobierno.

Kirchner, de 59 años, gobernó Argentina entre el 2003 y el 2007, cuando fue sucedido por su esposa. Los Kirchner son llamados en Argentina “el matrimonio presidencial” debido a que toman las decisiones en conjunto y a su militancia política compartida. □



# Presidente Uribe tiene poco margen para reelección en Colombia

BOGOTA (Reuters) - El presidente de Colombia, Alvaro Uribe, sólo tiene un margen estrecho para buscar su segunda reelección inmediata, debido a que en cinco semanas se debe cumplir el complicado proceso que le permitiría presentar su candidatura, dijo la máxima autoridad electoral del país.

El registrador nacional, Carlos Ariel Sánchez, aseguró que los candidatos a la presidencia tienen plazo para inscribirse hasta el 12 de marzo y quien no lo haga quedará por fuera de la contienda electoral, salvo que el Congreso modifique las normas vigentes.

El funcionario encargado de las elecciones sostuvo que se necesitan más de dos meses para organizar el referendo que permitiría la reelección y que aún debe ser aprobado por la Corte Constitucional, con lo que implícitamente descartó una posible candidatura de Uribe.

“Las fechas son preclusivas, una vez ocurren, una vez acaecen no se resucitan

los términos, o sea el que no se inscribió el 12 de marzo no es candidato ni puede ser lo porque la fecha es preclusiva, salvo que modifiquen la ley”, explicó el funcionario en una entrevista con Reuters el lunes al final de la tarde. “Con las normas vigentes están los términos cada vez más apretados, si no se cambian las normas son los términos excesivamente apretados”, aseguró Sánchez al reconocer la dificultad que enfrenta el presidente para ser candidato.

La Corte Constitucional analiza la legalidad jurídica de un referendo que aprobó el Congreso y que busca habilitar a Uribe para que sea candidato en las elecciones de mayo. El popular mandatario, quien asumió el poder en agosto del 2002 y hasta ahora no ha anunciado su intención de ser candidato, es favorito para ganar los comicios y extender su Gobierno hasta el 2014, de acuerdo con las recientes encuestas, si puede y decide presentar su nombre. □



El presidente de Colombia, Alvaro Uribe, en una conferencia de prensa en la casa presidencial en Tegucigalpa. 30 enero 2010. REUTERS/Edgard Garrido

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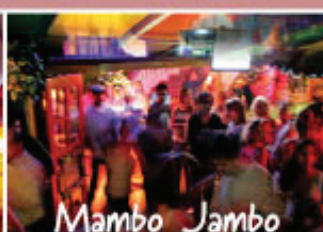
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[www.sopranospianobar.com](http://www.sopranospianobar.com)



**Chino Latino (at the Village across Radisson - Palm Beach)**  
Asian & Latin Cuisine  
"where food means fun"  
Phone: 586-6380  
Dinner and after dinner snacks  
DJ's - bands - dancing  
Restaurant & Bar open from 5:00 pm - 2:00 am  
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[www.chinolatinoaruba.com](http://www.chinolatinoaruba.com)



**Mambo Jambo Latin Bar & Grill (Royal Plaza Downtown)**  
International & Latin Cuisine  
Phone: 583-3632  
Lunch, Dinner, Live Bands, Salsa Dancing, Great food and good music 7 days a week.  
Restaurant open from 11:00 am - 09:00 pm, Bar open from 11:00 am - 04:00 am  
[www.mambojamboaruba.com](http://www.mambojamboaruba.com)



**Hadicurari Restaurant (between MooMba Beach and Marriott Surf Club)**  
International & Seafood Cuisine  
Phone: 586-2288  
Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner  
'Seafood with a view'  
Restaurant open from 8:00 am - 11:00 pm  
7 days a week  
[www.hadicurari.com](http://www.hadicurari.com)



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